

# PIKE COUNTY NEWS

## FOUR DIE, TWO INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

Four men were shot into eternity when the boiler of the Pikeville Planing Mill & Supply Co. in South Pikeville let go last Monday morning, and two others are badly injured though they will live. The dead are, Sam Wolford, fireman, Andy Robinson, Brack Adkins and his son Alden Adkins, 17 and the injured are B. Justice and Harry Ritch. The lower half of the mill was totally wrecked by the explosion, and some of the machinery including a boiler was blown into the river on one side and far up on the hillside in the other direction. Other men who had business at the mill narrowly escaped death by being a few minutes late. Among these are, W. H. Staten, foreman, and John M. Triplett. The cause of the explosion is a mystery. It was felt for miles around and many mis took it for a violent earthquake. The woodwork around the machinery was blown into splinters and twisted iron and pipes were strewn over the open field in which the mill was situated.

Taulbert Adkins, who was not so near the boiler, was not instantly killed, and he was hurried down town, but died about three hours later.

Harry Ritch was badly bruised and had his arms and legs broken, and Justice's injuries were mostly about the head. He was moved to the office of Dr. Z. A. Thompson on a stretcher where his wounds were dressed, and there is hope for his recovery along with Ritch.

This is the most serious disaster that has ever occurred at Pikeville.

The remains of Andrew Robinson, aged about 30, were laid to rest in the Luke Sword cemetery Tuesday afternoon with a fitting ceremony by the members of the Pikeville Lodge No. 284, I. O. O. F., of which he was also a member. The religious rites were held in the Island creek Tabernacle, Rev. M. C. Reynolds delivering the funeral sermon.

The other funerals followed on Wednesday.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOT; FOREMAN HELD.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Hackney was shot in the leg, though not seriously, near the mouth of Pond creek in this county last Saturday morning and Wade Vires, a section foreman for the Pond Creek Railway Co., is held charged with the shooting. The trouble is said to have come up between the men over some children, and Vires and Hackney engaged in a fight before the former received the wound in the leg. Vires afterwards made his escape across the state line into West Virginia and was arrested and placed in jail at Williamson, but was later turned over to Deputies Anse Hatfield and Allan Smith of this county and brought here Monday to await a hearing at the next term of the circuit court.

His feelings are said to have existed between the men for some time.

## SUNDAY DISTURBED SHOT AT POLICE CHIEF.

James Spear of Tolar's creek lost a valuable horse last Sunday morning in a pistol duel with Chief of Police Sidney Trivette one mile below Pikeville. It was charged against Spear that he had fired his revolver a number of times just below the Jefferson Hotel on Pike-av. on his way out of town Sunday morning while slightly intoxicated. A few minutes later Trivette and officer Grover Maynard started in pursuit. Spear rode leisurely out of town and stopped to spend a few minutes at a store in the Cline addition. When he got wind of the pursuing officers he mounted his horse and fled with Trivette in close pursuit. Spear is said to have turned in his saddle and fired at close range at Trivette, and in reply Chief Trivette drew his revolver and shot the horse from under Spear, who then brought their man back to town and locked him up to await a hearing before the Police court on several charges.

## PROF. HARLOWE HERE.

Prof. A. C. Harlowe, President of the Prestonsburg Baptist Institute and Managing Editor of the Post of that city, was at Pikeville for a brief business visit last Saturday, and while here was in conference with editor W. L. Morris of the Pike County News.

Prof. Harlowe is well and favorably known throughout the Sandy Valley and during recent years has done a great work as an educator among our people. He is a thorough business man and gentleman of sterling character who has honestly earned the respect of the Sandy Valley people amongst whom he has chosen to live. If he ever decides to locate at Pikeville he will be thrice welcome, and the good town of Prestonsburg has ever reason to be proud of such a first-rate citizen.

## HEAVY STEEL.

The C. & O. steel-laying crew reached Pikeville last week with the hundred-pound steel which is to take the place of the light steel that was put down when the road was first built into the upper Sandy. This, it is hoped, will do much toward averting the disastrous wrecks that have occurred on the Big Sandy branch during the past winter.

The C. & O. should now devote some energies toward the improvement of depots along this line. The station house at Pikeville is altogether inadequate for the large volume of business it is required to handle. While the thriving town of Pikeville has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars since this road was built in putting up some beautiful and needed public buildings and making other improvements, the C. & O. has done practically nothing, and the station house here is sufficient only for a country station, and we cannot even boast of a passenger shed, which would be as beneficial to the railway company as it would to its customers.

## BOY KILLED BY FREIGHT AT SHELBY.

Wilson R. Moore became the victim of a freight at Shelby station last Thursday night. Moore's home was in

Elkins, West Va., and he had stopped off at Shelby station on his way through to Virginia. Both legs and the left hand were taken off and he was dragged several yards and received other injuries. Though horribly mangled, he lived for about thirty minutes and was able to give directions that enabled the authorities to communicate with his relatives regarding the disposition of the body. The body was shipped to Pikeville Friday morning and was prepared for burial by undertaker Call. In the meantime advice arrived from Elkins directing that he be buried here, and later another telegram arrived saying to hold the remains for the arrival of relatives; but the remains had already been interred Sunday morning before the last telegram reached the addressee here.

## LANGLEY TO FAVOR CAPITOL PROHIBITION.

In response to a petition sent from here some weeks ago asking that a measure be passed by Congress providing for prohibition without referendum in the District of Columbia, Congressman John W. Langley, to whom the petition was directed, replied by letter to each of the signers that he would cast his vote agreeably with the wishes expressed in the petition, and stated that he thoroughly agreed with the views expressed therein.

## OPENS BRANCH OFFICE.

The Sowards Insurance Agency of Pikeville has recently established a branch office in the thriving town of Hazard, Perry-co. This office is located in the Wooten & Morgan building at Hazard and will be under the charge of young Mr. Everett H. Sowards, who has in a short time developed an expert knowledge of the insurance business. He has recently spent much time at Hazard.

## BRIDGE CONTRACTED.

The contract for the building of the bridge across the Tag river at Williamson, which is to be paid for jointly by the counties of Pike and Mingo, was let early this week to the Virginia Bridge & Iron Co., of Roanoke. Mingo county accepted the bid late last week and Judge H. H. Stallard wired this county's acceptance Monday.

## PREPARING FOR SUMMER DAY CURRENT.

L. L. Stone, manager for the Sandy Valley Light & Power Co., expects to switch the day current into service at Pikeville about May 15th. The machinery to be used temporarily for this service is now on the way and an addition to the power house was started Monday morning for the housing of the new machinery, which will consist of two high-speed engines and two generators of the alternating current high voltage type.

## REVIVAL OPENED.

A revival service to continue indefinitely was opened at the First Methodist church Tuesday evening. The revival is in the hands of the pastor, Rev. M. C. Reynolds, the District Superintendent, Rev. W. H. Davenport, and Rev. J. H. Anderson, pastor of the M. E. Church at Ashland. Rev. Wade Rowe is also assisting. So far considerable crowds have been attending the daily services and interest in the meetings is growing.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. B. Polley left for Ashland Tuesday to meet the wife of her son, Ernest Polley, who is here to spend a short visit. Young Mr. Polley has for a long while been a soldier in the U. S. army and stationed at Fort Wright, N. Y. He is to leave for the Philippine Islands at once.

W. L. Morris has moved into the flat over the News office. T. G. Parker and family, who have just moved out of these apartments, are now occupying the property of John Hager on Main-st.

Fon Rogers and little son Lon left last week for a short visit to Muhlenberg-co. and returned to Pikeville this week.

Miss Grace Chatfield, who is a student at Ironton, Ohio, spent a short vacation here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Chatfield. She returned to Ironton early this week.

During the past two weeks the Circuit Court has been trying its civil docket.

The usual second Sunday meeting of the Regular Order of Baptists was held here last Saturday and Sunday by Rev. N. T. Hopkins and other divines of the Baptist faith.

Preparations have already been begun for the observance of Easter Sunday at Pikeville. All the churches of the city will have appropriate services for the occasion. Easter of this year comes on Sunday, April 23.

Attorney J. P. Hobson went to Huntington this week.

Mrs. John F. Hager has been in a Louisville hospital for several days recently and is slightly better.

Attorney John W. Wheeler of Paintsville has been attending Circuit Court here this week.

## DOINGS OF JOHNSON COUNTY PEOPLE.

### News From Paintsville and the Surrounding Country.

Misses Sallie Clay and Eva Rice, have returned from a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Mond Davidson in Huntington.

Miss Florence Wilson from Prestonsburg, is the guest of Miss Irene La Viers.

W. P. Davis, of Riverton, Greenup county, was in Paintsville this week.

James Preston is in Frankfort this week on business.

B. F. Hager, who has been very sick for the past four weeks, is now able

to be out.

Mrs. M. C. Kirk, Mrs. Dan E. Preston, Mrs. C. A. Kirk and Mrs. Ruth Atkinson went to Ashland Friday morning to attend the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society District Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

J. D. Elkins is in Huntington this week.

Ira See was calling on the merchants here Friday.

Mrs. James W. Auxier is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Archer, at Auxier this week.

Miss Virgie Rice from Riceville, is visiting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Kirk.

W. I. Harkins and Walter Wells, were Paintsville visitors from Prestonsburg, yesterday.

Fred A. Vaughan is in Richmond, Ky., this week on business.

Mrs. R. A. Patrick and daughter, Gertrude have gone to Cincinnati to meet Mr. Patrick, who is returning from a winter in Florida.

Misses Margaret Auxier, Lena and Maxie Yost are shopping in Cincinnati this week.

## FLOYD COUNTY'S

### RECORD FOR WEEK.

## News From Prestonsburg and the Surrounding Country.

### Suit Filed in U. S. Dist. Court.

A suit for the foreclosure of the property and the appointment of a receiver was filed in the U. S. District Court at Covington, Ky., by the Providence Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati against the Beaver Pond Coal Co. and the Big Sandy Consolidated Coal Co., both of Floyd-co.

### Judge Patrick Comes To Prestonsburg.

Judge A. T. Patrick of Salyersville recently elected judge of this judicial district has rented the property of Hon. W. H. May on corner of 2nd and Court-st. and will move his family here at once. This change of residence is made necessary on account of the bill recently passed by the Legislature, which has in a short time developed an expert knowledge of the insurance business. He has recently spent much time at Hazard.

### Arrested By Mistake.

Mr. W. D. Blair returned last week from Wayne Court House, W. Va., where he was called by his brother, Jake Blair, who had been arrested charged with a crime committed several years ago. Mr. Blair had no trouble in proving that his brother was not the person the official was after and that it was a case of mistaken identity.

It is understood that a suit is being prepared and will be filed in the U. S. court against the official who participated in the arrest, asking for damages of a large sum.

### A Prominent Business Man Here.

Mr. Gaujot, a prominent lawyer and real estate man of Williamson, W. Va. is here on business. It is rumored that he with some local capitalists have on foot a deal for a large tract of mineral land in this county.

### Squire Collins Arrested.

Squire Collins of Harold, Ky., who has a timber job in Pike-co., was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Stump Akers charging him with removing mortgaged property out of the state for the purpose of defrauding his creditors and was lodged in jail here Monday.

### Water Works For Prestonsburg.

A petition has been filed by the citizens of Prestonsburg with the city council asking that a vote be taken upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of putting in a water work system. We predict that this proposition will carry by a large vote.

Mr. Marian Moles, who has been postmaster at East Point for several years is seriously ill with pneumonia. His wife died suddenly last Saturday and his daughter, Mrs. Bud Lilly died about two weeks ago.

The two year old baby of George Music, East Point, Ky., was found almost drowned in a creek near his home Tuesday.

The Guild Society was pleasantly entertained by Miss Bees Leete Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. H. H. Fitzpatrick had as guests Wednesday afternoon, the members of the Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. Wm. McVay had as dinner guests Tuesday Misses Florence Wilson, Fern Bennett and Ethel White.

Mr. Cully Hager is all smiles. The reason a bouncing boy at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Powers and daughter have returned home after a month's visit with relatives in Huntington.

Mr. G. P. Archer of the Bank Josephine is away this week on business.

H. S. Estill, chief engineer for the Elkhorn Coal corporation, is here on business.

Atty. and Mrs. W. H. May were in Huntington last week buying furniture for their new home at Jenkins, Ky.

Miss Grace Marrs was a shopper in Huntington last week. Miss Marrs will leave in a few days for a brief visit with friends in Cincinnati before entering the next term of the State Normal, Richmond, Ky.

Postoffice Inspector Samuel J. Arna of Catlettsburg is here this week.

W. B. Burke was a business visitor in Ironton Tuesday.

P. D. Davis of the Star Drug Co., returned Saturday from a several days visit to Cincinnati, Maysville and Huntington.

Mrs. Andrew Auxier of Pikeville is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Layne.

Mr. George Barney and family have moved to Red Jacket, W. Va.

Messrs. I. Richmond and Fred Cottrell are in Cincinnati this week buying goods for The I. Richmond Co.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitzpatrick of Paintsville were guests of relatives here over Sunday.

C. L. Hutsiniller of the Modern Drug Shop returned Monday from a business trip to Gallipolis, O.

Hon. W. H. May, who was recently employed as attorney for the Consolidation Coal Co., is moving his family to Jenkins this week. Their many friends here are sorry to lose them.

Miss Grace Martin, who is attending school at Louisa spent the week-end with home folks here.

Mr. Hurn representing J. W. Davis Drug Co., is here this week.

Atty. and Mrs. F. P. Hall will leave Prestonsburg the coming week to take up their residence at Pikeville where Mr. Hall will resume his practice.

Mr. Wm. Bentley of Pikeville, traveling salesman who came very near being electrocuted here last week is reported much better and will be able to go on the road again next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Moles went to East Point Monday being called there on account of the sudden death of Mr. Moles' stepmother and serious illness of his father.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans left Wednesday for a visit with friends at Middleboro, to Louisa Monday to enter school, Ky.

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Miss Lula and Lilly Moore were visiting relatives on Georges creek recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Farris Moore, Jr., of Cordell were visiting Dora Moore and family Sunday.

Dewey Moore and Jesse Cordle attended church at this place Sunday.

Fred and Charlie Moore were visiting friends at Cherokee Sunday.

Several people attended the burial of Zoll Ball.

Mrs. Lee Hays was visiting her parents recently.

Augustus Hays of Jenkins was here visiting relatives last week.

Minnie Moore was visiting Alma and Jettie Hays Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Childers were visiting G. V. Ball, Jr., and family Sunday last.

Fred Short made a business trip to Louisa Thursday.

Roy Hays attended Sunday school at this place Sunday.

Willie Borders, who is attending the K. N. C. at Louisa is visiting home folks.

H. K. and Dewey Moore made a trip to Louisa recently.

Bert Ball, who is attending the K. N. C. was called home last week on account of the death of his father, Zoll Ball.

Randle Wellman, who has been visiting his grandparents on Rich creek, has returned home.

THREE OLD MAIDS

GREEN VALLEY.

The sick of our community are improving.

Rev. Cassidy preached at this place Sunday.

Wm. Prince and family attended church at Dennis Sunday.

Misses Cassie and Grace Thompson and their cousin, Mary Chadwick visited their grandparents Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Belle Ekers visited Miss Belcher Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Fugate, who has been staying on Newcomb for the past four months, has returned to her home near here.

The stork visited T. H. Chadwick Monday and left a fine boy.

Misses Annie Belle Ekers and Sophia Belcher were on Morgans creek Monday.

Little Dock Harmon is very low at this writing.

Miss Victoria Woods called at Mrs. Roberts Sunday.

Miss Shirley Belcher, who has been staying at Ashland for some time has returned home.

Miss Myrtle Riffe, who has been visiting at Van Lear, returned home Sunday and on her way home she was thrown from a mule, and was badly hurt.

Johsie Burton has returned to this place.

Mrs. Nancy Messer of Morgans creek is visiting at Adam Harmon's.

Miss Ruby Belcher, who is staying at J. K. Chadwick's visited home folks Sunday.